

## **MINUTES OF THE BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**June 2012**

**PRESENT:** Board members: Brian Bost, Ted Chung, Jason Dempsey, Penny Hanson, Michael Kalkofen, Jeffrey Ressler, Kellie Stellingwerf, Jordan Wittren, Karen Yeong.  
BSC Program Support: Cynthia Rozanc

Visitors: Melinda Edwards and guest

**ABSENT:** Rah-Miel Mitchell, Stan Tellin, Linda Wilson, Megan Kirkpatrick

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**MINUTES:** minutes of the May meeting were approved with no changes

**PRESENTATION:** Melinda, Intern, is working on a demographic study of Beaverton's Sister Cities. She presented the Board with the following information on the Cities: Hsinchu: Population 415,000. Characteristics: Public transit, hotels, glass, music, universities, shopping, restaurants. Climate: Warmer than Beaverton. Birobidzhan: Population 75,000. Characteristics: Light industry. Climate: Cooler than Beaverton. Cluses: Population 19,000. Characteristics: Two farmers markets, 3 festivals a year, music, autumn, and Christmas. Climate: Temperate. Trossingen: Characteristics: Ecological, swimming, relaxation, nature, 88 kilometers to Stuttgart, bikers. Climate: Sunny, temperate. Cheonan: Population 600,000. Characteristics: Famous art gallery, dance festival, subway, and hiking. Climate: Temperate with monsoon season. Gotemba: Population 84,000. Characteristics: American stores, outlet store, Fuji, recycling, drum festival, outdoor activities.

**INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION:** Kellie updated the Board on the International Celebration: It is in the process of getting organized. There will be arts and crafts. Plans are on schedule. The Sister City Board's application has been accepted. Cynthia added that the GIS map was not ready. Box "Where would you like to See sister city". Pinboard of sister cities possible as well as puzzles with flags. Beaverton International Festival is July 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 5 pm at 153<sup>rd</sup> and Walker.

**THE ROUND:** Kellie reported a "Celebration Parade" will take place on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to last one hour, during which people can carry a banner and flags. The theme is "The Many Faces Of Our City." Volunteers from the Board are asked to come forward.

**THE ROUND GARDEN PROJECT:** Michael discussed 3 proposals from two firms for design of Round. "The Grove" design, a hybrid, has been selected. Michael noted the Sister Cities Garden is an afterthought in the design of the Round. There will be no plants in the Sister Cities "garden" because flora creates maintenance difficulties. Instead, there will likely be flags and information plaques and art. The plan for the Sister Cities garden is still open for revision. Perhaps the Board should consider

asking the Sister Cities for their ideas. The architects will consider ideas. December 31, 2013 is the scheduled completion date.

**PICNICS IN THE PARK:** Volunteers from the Board are sought to attend on July 9 (Carolwood Park), 13 (Camille Park), 16 (Autumn Ridge Park), and 20 (Center St. Park) from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. If interested in volunteering, contact Cynthia. Volunteers are expected to bring Sister Cities literature to be displayed on a table.

**BAF/TASK FORCE:** Cynthia reported the Beaverton Arts Foundation is looking for a "Letter of Agreement" as the last step of this process. Once this document is turned in the new entity can move forward. No joint meeting has been set up yet.

**GOTEMBA UPDATE:** Ted Chung will be representing Beaverton as part of the city's delegation to Gotemba.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ADJOURNMENT:**

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:** Jeffrey Ressler